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April 19, 2006

BY HAND DELIVERY

The Honorable Vernon L. Williams Surface Transportation Board Case Control Unit: STB Ex Parte No. 661 1925 K Street, N.W. Washington, DC 20423-0001

Re: Ex Parte No. 661

Dear Mr. Williams:

As requested by the Surface Transportation Board's March 14, 2006 Notice regarding Rail Fuel Surcharges (Ex Parte No. 661), we hereby notify the Board that Transportation Economics, Inc. (TEI) wishes to speak at the public hearing.

Mazhar Ali Awan will be representing TEI and requests a total of 15 minutes to present our concerns to the Board. TEI will also file written testimony as noted in the Notice.

Enclosed for filing in the above referenced proceeding are an original and 10 copies of this request to participate. Also enclosed is one CD with an electronic copy of this request in Microsoft Word Format.

Please acknowledge receipt of the enclosed by stamping and returning a copy to our representative.

Respectfully Submitted,

William J. Brennan, Managing Director

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